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SUBJECT: GOP REACTION TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER

SILVEIRA

REF: STATE 194959

1. DURING TODMAN VISIT, FONMIN NOGUES MADE OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE WHEN DESCRIBING PRESSURES AND COUNTERPRESSURES BROUGHT TO BEAR ON GOP ON THE ISSUE OF THE PROPOSED IAHRC VISIT. I USED THE OCCASION OF A CALL ON NOGUES AUGUST 20 TO ASSURE HIM THAT THE SECRETARY'S LETTER WAS SENT ONLY WITH THE BEST INTENSIONS

OF ASSISTING PARAGUAY. WE HAD HOPED THAT THE MESSAGE WOULD INDUCE THE GOB TO "LAY-OFF" THIS ISSUE.

- 2. NOGUES SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FULLY AND WHILE HE WAS SORRY THAT OUR MANEUVER HAD NOT TURNED OUT AS WE HAD HOED, IT HAD NOT OFFENDED THE GOP.
- 3. I ASKED HIM TO EXPLAIN TOT EH PRESIDENT THE BACKGROUND SO THAT HE WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WE ONLY WANTED TO BE HELPFUL. NOGUES PROMISED TO DO SO.
- 4. EARLIER IN THE WEEK I HAD MENTIONED THIS MATTER TO PAPPALARDO CONFIDENTIAL

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WHO SAID THAT MY EXPLANATION CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO HIM BECAUSE THE BRAZILIANS ALWAYS TALK OUT OF BOTH CORNER OF THEIR MOUTH.

5. IN MY VIEW THIS INCIDENT HERE IS CLOSED. IT IS UP TO THE DEPARTMENT'S AND AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS' JUDGEMENT WHETHER THE LATTER MIGHT WANT TO LET SILVEIRA KNOW THAT WE DID NOT PARTICUARLY APPRECIATE THIS BREACH OF CONFIDENCE.

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